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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7031

BILL NUMBER: HB 1257

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 16, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2006

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Proprietary Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bell

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Waltz

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill raises the amounts of surety bonds required from postsecondary proprietary educational institutions, and increases the mature balance in the Career College Student Assurance Fund.

The bill establishes minimum standards for the owners and chief administrators of postsecondary proprietary educational institutions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill increases the surety bonds required from postsecondary proprietary educational institutions from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for an institution without any annual gross tuition charges assessed for the previous year.

The bill eliminates:

1. The \$5,000 threshold where the surety bond is 100% of the institution's previous year's annual gross tuition.
2. The \$5,000 surety bond if the institution's previous year's annual gross tuition was between \$5,000 and \$50,000.
3. The 10% surety bond requirement if the institution's previous year's annual gross tuition was between \$50,000 and \$500,000.

Currently, if the fund balance in the Career College Student Assurance Fund is greater than \$100,000, then the surety bond required of the institution is reduced. The bill removes the proportionate reduction in surety bonds and does not require a surety bond if the fund balance is \$1 M or more.

The increase would help insure that if a postsecondary proprietary educational institution closed, students would be able to recover tuition they may have paid. The bill would have little impact on the state.

The bill also increases the mature balance in the Career College Student Assurance Fund from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The fund had revenue of \$164,250, expenditures of \$28,667, and an ending balance of \$135,583 for FY 2005. Annual contributions are expected to be about \$165,000 annually. Postsecondary proprietary educational institutions pay 0.1% of their total tuition and fees plus \$60 quarterly into the fund. The \$60 is the administrative fee for the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education. There are currently about 195 postsecondary proprietary schools with a total enrollment of about 35,000.

The establishing of minimum standards for the owners and chief administrators of postsecondary proprietary educational institutions should have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

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